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has it not been proven to be effective but there have been documented cases Senator Cullan has talked about where there has been poisoning. Let me give a couple of other examples. Doctors at Georgetown University report a serious adverse reaction in two cancer patients taking laetrile. In another case a ten year old girl died. I think the point is that nobody in this Legislature that has tried to look at the information has enough solid information to support this type of usage and I think we would be making a tragic mistake.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, in conclusion, we are making some very significant progress in the battle against cancer in this country contrary to some of the statements that some people have made. In 1930, one out of five people who had cancer diagnosed died, in 1950, one out of four and in 1975 one out of three, and I hope that through research and through other things that we can continue to reduce the number of cancer deaths in this country and I think we will. When I was a freshman at the Merchant Marine Academy, one of my best friends died of cancer and it was a tough thing and I really regretted it but at least his parents weren't milked financially. At least a doctor in California didn't deposit millions of dollars milking them.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is on the indefinite postponement of LB 382. All those in favor of the indefinite postponement vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote. A record vote is requested.

CLERK: Record vote read. (See pages 1713 and 1714, Legislative Journal.) 10 ayes, 28 nays, 11 not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion fails. The bill is not indefinitely postponed.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay. Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. Speaker, just a couple of brief comments that have been mentioned earlier.

SPEAKER MARVEL: First of all, are you speaking on the motion to advance the bill?

SENATOR VENDITTE: On the motion to advance, Mr. Speaker. I